

1898 School Entry Exam

These are some of the exam questions tackled by 11-year-olds applying for places at King Edward's School in Birmingham in 1898.

Arithmetic

1. Multiply 642035 by 24506

2. Subtract 3.25741 from 3.3

3. Multiply 28.436 by 8.245

4. Divide 0.86655 by 26.5

5. Simplify $18\frac{3}{4}$ minus $22\frac{2}{3}$ divided by $11\frac{1}{5}$ minus $31\frac{1}{2}$ multiplied by $\frac{4}{7}$

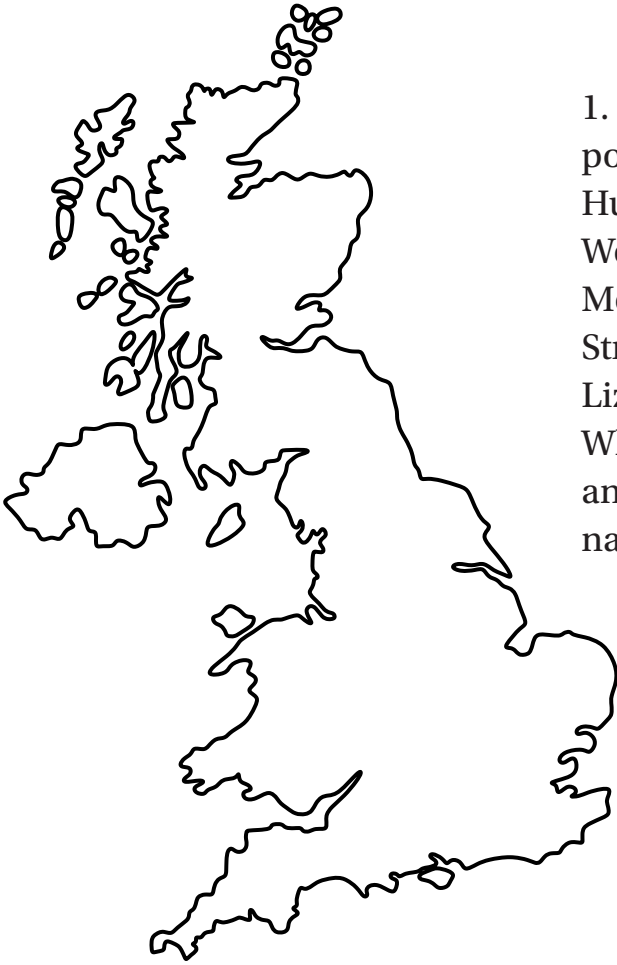
English grammar

1. Parse fully "And call the cattle home."

2. Explain the meaning of "o' Dee, dank with foam, western tide, round and round the sand, the rolling mist."

3. Write out separately the simple sentences in the last two lines of the above passage and analyse them.

Geography



1. On the outline map provided, mark the position of Carlisle, Canterbury, Plymouth, Hull, Gloucester, Swansea, Southampton, Worcester, Leeds, Leicester and Norwich; Morecambe Bay, The Wash, Solent, Menai Straits and Lyme Bay; St Bees Head, The Naze, Lizard Point; the rivers Trent and Severn; Whernside, the North Downs, and Plinlimmon, and state on a separate paper what the towns named above are noted for.

2. Where are silver, platinum, tin, wool, wheat, palm oil, furs and cacao got from?

3. Where are Omdurman, Wai-Hei-Wai, Crete, Santiago, and West Key, and what are they noted for?

English history

1. What Kings of England began to reign in the years 871, 1135, 1216, 1377, 1422, 1509, 1625, 1685, 1727, 1830?

2. Give some account of Egbert, William II, Richard III, Robert Blake, Lord Nelson.

3. State what you know of Henry II's quarrel with Becket, the taking of Calais by Edward III, the attempt to make Lady Jane Grey queen, the trial of the Seven bishops, the Gordon riots.

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